

Weekly Status & Information Report:  
December 10 - 13, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of December 17, 2012: The City Council is on recess until January 7, 2013. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org). (City Clerk)
2. The Storyteller: Join us on Saturday, December 15 at 11:00 am when nationally known storyteller Arianna Ross of Story Tapestries returns for a special interactive program of song, dance and story as she presents "The Giggling, Wiggling Bookworm." This program is best for young children to age 6 and their grown-ups. (Library)
3. Caldecott Birthday Club: On Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m., the Caldecott Birthday Club will spend an evening devoted to Caldecott winning books from the '70s. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. For adults and children of all ages. (Library)
4. The Winter Solstice: On Thursday, December 20, we will 'bring back the light' with our annual Winter Solstice celebration, featuring drumming with Bill Jenkins and dancing by the Foggy Bottom Morris Men. This event is for all ages and is brought to you by the Friends of the Library. (Library)
5. Winter Break Camp - Only a Few Spots Remaining!!: Parents, the winter break will be here before you know it and time is winding down for your chance to experience "Winter Wonderland." This 3-day winter break camp, December 26 – 28, will allow you to add some excitement to your child's holiday. Participants will enjoy games, crafts and Holiday fun at the Community Center. Children should bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Open to ages 5 - 11 years and runs from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Before & Aftercare is also available. Only \$85 for Takoma Park residents...sign up today!!! For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at (301)891-7290. (Recreation)
6. Safe Routes to School: The Safe Routes to School Coordinator conducted part one of seven Bike Rodeos at Piney Branch Elementary School. Over 175 students will ride the bikes next week after learning safe practices this week. (Housing and Community Development)
7. Neighbor Works Training: Planning staff members participated in Neighbor Works Training in Washington DC this week, with a focus on measuring project impacts in economic and community development. (Housing and Community Development)
8. The Human Resources Office is pleased to announce some new hires and promotions within the City:
  - Promotions
    - Ø Nima Upadhyay was promoted to Special Projects Coordinator on November 26th.
    - Ø Bradley Williams was promoted to Recreation Coordinator on December 3rd.
  - New Hires
    - Ø Emily Cohen will join the City as the Management Assistant on December 18th. In this role, she will support various projects for both the Acting City Manager and Director of Housing and Community Development.
    - Ø HR is extremely happy to announce that Sarah Burton's first day with the City will be December 27th. She will be the new Human Resources Generalist.
    - Ø Recreation is proud to announce some new hires as well. Hindowa Corneh, Shaynita Blanchard, Montana Johnson, and Justin Kittrell will join the Recreation team on December 18th to work on the various programs the department has in store for our youth. Congratulations to Nima and Bradley! And Welcome aboard to all our new staff! (Human Resources)
9. COMMIT TO STAY FIT! 21 Days Away and Counting!: The Fitness Expo 2013 is right around the corner. On Saturday, January 5, Takoma Park Recreation Center will be host to a Fitness Expo (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) with twenty-minute demonstrations, interactive presentations, health screenings/seminars and much more. Mark your calendar!! For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)
10. Winter Basketball League – Volunteers Needed: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for spirited and dedicated people to volunteer as coaches, game clock attendants and score keepers. The Winter Basketball League serves over 600 girls and boys in and around Takoma Park in grades K-8 each season. Must be able to volunteer on Saturdays. No experience is necessary as training is provided. For additional information on how to volunteer, please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7282 or [BradleyW@takomagov.org](mailto:BradleyW@takomagov.org). (Recreation)
11. Community Center Class Demo Day - January 12: Save the date!! On Saturday, January 12, 2013 the Recreation Department will be hosting a day of FREE class demonstrations. That's right FREE!!! This will be your opportunity to come out and see some awesome recreation programs in action. You will be able to meet some of the instructors and even register for your favorite class or program. The event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a variety of programs on hand such as dance, drama, art, fitness, nature, multimedia and martial arts, to name a few. All ages are welcome as there will be something for everyone. For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at [LewM@takomagov.org](mailto:LewM@takomagov.org). (Recreation)
12. Futsal League - Sign Up Today!!: Parents are you looking for a way to keep your star soccer player active during the cold winter months? Well, why not have them participate in the 2013 Futsal league. This league provides a forum for athletes to manage their soccer skills and learn some new ones too. Registration is now open but space is limited. Program is open to girls and boys in

grades 2-4. All participants will be assigned to teams and provided team shirts for league play. All games are played on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) To register online, please visit: [www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation). For additional information, please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7282 or [BradleyW@takomagov.org](mailto:BradleyW@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

13. Adult Volleyball (Co-ed) Begins in January: Adults...adults...open courts for volleyball will be available for adult "drop in" play from 8:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.). This new program is open to men and women ages 18 and over. Individuals of all skill levels are welcome to participate. All games are self-officiated. Program is free with membership or \$5 per person drop-in fee. Program runs each Monday starting January 7, 2013. For additional information, please contact Bradley Williams at [BradleyW@takomagov.org](mailto:BradleyW@takomagov.org) or call (301)891-7282. (Recreation)

14. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 107 traffic stops, which resulted in citations and three vehicle impounds.

During December 9-12, 2012, the following details were completed:

December 9, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (Safety Equipment Repair Order and no u-turn enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two warnings.

December 12, 2012

- Philadelphia Avenue & Maple Avenue (no u-turn and no turn on red enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

- Takoma Avenue & New York Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning. (Police)

15. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of December 12

State citations: 10

City citations: 2

Calls for service: 9

Reports: 2

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 7

Warnings issued: 4

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

Court: 2 hours

Training: 14 hours

Foot patrol: 1 hour

(Police)